

and hundredths.

2. **TEMPERATURE**, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. **HUMIDITY**, in percentage of saturation humidity of air saturated with moisture be 100.

4. **DIRECTION OF WIND**, to two points.

5. **FORCE OF WIND**, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. **STATE OF HEAVEN**, a blue sky, a hatched cloud, a drifting rain, fog, a glow at night, lightning, a overcast, a passing shower, a rain, snow, a thunder, a visible dew (wet).

Rain, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falcomer & Co's,
Premier, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, March 17, 1896.

BAROMETER.....	9 A.M.	30.63
Do.	1 P.M.	28.86
Do.	4 P.M.	29.87
TEMPERATURE.....	9 A.M.	64
Do.	1 P.M.	69
Do.	4 P.M.	68
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	63
Do.	1 P.M.	69
Do.	4 P.M.	67
Do.	Maximum	80
Do.	Minimum	59

No Minimum overnight.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

4 Feb 1950

In the following Statements and Tables, the Rates are given in *cents*, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books much as follows, per two ounces.

Newspapers over two ounces in weight are charged double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but the postage on Newspapers must be sent at Book Rate. Two papers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except books. The Supplements of the same paper may be sent at Newspaper Rate. The whole may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current must be paid either as Newspapers or Book Rate.

Commemorial Papers signify such paperwork as, though written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copies of music, &c. The charge on them is the same as on books.

The sender of a Registered Article for the Union Country may obtain an acknowledgment of delivery on paying an extra fee of five cents.

Unit of weight for Books and Commemorial Papers is ounces.

Corrected to Saturday, March		At 1020 Cash per Dollar	
		FRANC.	Highest. Lowest.
		Cash.	Cash.
Butcher Meat.			
Bacon, English,	lb.		
"	Ama. Sugar cured,	360	
"	Footcure,	160	
"	Japan, cured,		
Beef	airline & prime cut, catty	130	140
"	Corned,	catty	130
"	Roast,		140
"	Soup,		100
"	Steak,		140
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60	
"	Tongue fresh, each	300	
"	" corned,	350	

每	120		破魚	沙公
"	—		斑白黑明	狗魚
"	250		蜆蝦	友魚
"	140		玳瑁	馬魚
"	800		鱗	魚
"	50		鱗	魚
"	70		鱗	魚
"	—		鱗	魚
"	250		鱗	魚
"	60		鱗	魚
"	100		鱗	魚
"	60		鱗	魚
"	110		鱗	魚
"	100		鱗	魚
"	220		鱗	魚
"	—		鱗	魚
"	—		鱗	魚

4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces except to Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Serbia, Siam, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, The Argentine Republic, The Dominican Republic, The Republic of Honduras, United States, to which places 12 oz. (356 grammes) is the limit, and must not exceed these dimensions: 12 inches by 8 inches by 4 inches.

"	Head, . . .	500
"	Heart, . . .	150
"	Hump, Salt catty	140
"	Feet, . . . each	60
"	Kidneys, . . .	40
"	Tail, . . .	100
"	Liver, . . . catty	70
"	Tripe (undressed) catty	60
Calves	Head and Feet, not	500

water, " — —	魚
catty — —	長魚
" 70 —	銀魚仔
ails,	菓
catty — —	金山平菓
" — —	天津平菓
" — —	日本平菓
" 30 —	省城香菓

Countries of the Postal Union.
The Union may be taken to comprise all civilised countries.

Flams, American,	lb.	360	-
„ Chinese,	„	350	-
„ English, New,	„	480	-

79	80	—	山香燕
71	80	—	風榮
33	—	—	楊桃子
50			

Postage to the United Kingdom.

Letters,	10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Post Cards,	4 cents each.
Registration,	10 cents.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers,	$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 2 oz.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters,	10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Post Cards,	4 cents each.
Reply Post Cards,	8 cents each.
Registration,	10 cents.
Newspapers,	2 cents per 2 oz.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers,	$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (Canton excepted) are:—

Letters per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.,	5 cents (<i>s</i>).
Post Cards, each,	1 cent.
Reply Post Cards,	2 cents each.
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz.,	2 cents.
Newspapers and Prices Current, 2 each	per 2 oz.
Registration,	5 cents.

(*s*) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

22	Shanghai,	"	200
	Mutton Chop,	"	150
"	Leg,	"	150
"	Shoulder,	"	120
	Pige Chittings,	catty	70
"	Feet,	"	110
"	Fry,	"	150
"	Head,	each	500
"	Heart,	"	50
"	Kidneys,	pair	80
"	Liver,	lb.	140
	Pork, Chop,	catty	160
"	Corned,	"	—
"	Leg,	"	160
"	Fat or Lard,	"	130
	Sheep's Head and Feet, set		350
"	Heart,	each	50
"	Kidneys,	"	70
"	Liver,	lb.	150
	Sucking Pigs,	each	\$1.75 \$1.25
	Suet, Beef,	lb.	100
"	Mutton,	"	100

catly	100	—	花生	子
" 31	—	—	鮮提	子
" 32	40	—	餅	—
" 33	—	—	桔	—
" 34	200	—	荔枝	乾
" 35	—	—	荔枝	—
" 36	—	—	梅	—
each	—	—	安南	芒
" 37	100	—	呂宋	芭
dozen	—	—	山	巴
catly	90	—	新會	甜
" 38	30	—	紅	橙
" 39	30	—	桔	仔
" 40	100	—	白	櫨
each	40	—	本	地
catly	100	—	上海	波
" 41	100	—	天津	雪
each	160	—	碌	柚
catly	60	—	羅	柚
" 42	—	—	珠	乾
" 43	—	—	珠	提
" 44	—	—	提	摩
" 45	40	—	馬	蹄

1. All correspondence posted before the close of business on any week day for addresses in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Canton, will be delivered on the same day. For addresses in Hong Kong, Canton, and Shanghai, in Town (Ship Street to Bonham's Street), West, up to level of Robinson Road, at 5 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 9 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Senders who desire to send Circulars, Letters, and Invitations, Cards, etc., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unstamped the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

3. Senders may also send Paterns or Envelopes, provided they are put in the same places in the same way as the envelopes containing Paterns may be wholly developed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Paterns Pockets.

4. The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery and, where Requisitions have been neglected, WILL MAKE NO REQUISITES into alleged losses of such Letters.

5. It is forbidden to insert in Ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet or *Overland*. No parcel is sent with the *Overland* which is not to be opened when it arrives in London after eight days unless the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, and after the hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb. and 25 cents each succeeding lb or fraction of a lb, which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs dues. No parcel may be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted unless it is completely and accurately sealed. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, (such as boxes and boxes), are prohibited. No Parcel can be sent which exceeds \$500.

A Parcel may contain letters, printed matter, and other articles, but the address as that of the Parcel itself, and no other address is allowed. No other enclosures are same.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel is liable to be opened for the ordinary distribution of letters, and that the postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb. The Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via *Overland*.

Poultry.			
Chicken,	"	catty	210
Capons,	"	"	240
Ducks,	"	"	170
Doves,	"	each	—
Eggs, Hen	"	doz.	100
" Duck	"	"	110
Fowls,	"	catty	190
Geese,	"	"	160
Hares,	"	each	800
Musk Deer,	"	"	\$3.50
Partridges,	"	"	400
Pigeons,	"	"	220
Pheasant,	"	brace	\$1.40
Rice Birds,	"	doz.	—
Quail	"	each	120
Snipe,	"	"	100
Turkeys, Cock,	"	catty	700
" Hen,	"	"	450
Teal,	"	each	340
Wild Ducks,	"	pair	\$1.20
Fish.			
Barbel,	"	catty	150
Bream,	"	"	—
Bombay Ducks,	"	pieces	150
C'lon Fresh Water Fish,	"	catty	—
Carp,	"	"	110
Catfish,	"	"	—
Codfish, Salt,	"	"	—
Crocks,	"	"	—
Cuttle Fish,	"	"	100
Crab,	"	"	110
Cruc,	"	"	90
Dog Fish,	"	"	—
Gale, Congor,	"	"	—
" Fresh water,	"	"	—
Gels, Yellow,	"	"	60
Go Fish,	"	"	—
Grass,	"	"	—
Grass Fish,	"	"	100
Harpoons,	"	"	300
Hudgson,	"	"	—
Humard,	"	"	00
Herrings,	"	"	120
" smoked	"	box	—
Halibut,	"	catty	150
Halibut,	"	"	110
Loach,	"	"	100
Macabara,	"	"	160
Macarel,	"	"	—
Peck Fish,	"	"	—

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LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1893	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 270	2 1/2 % annum	10 % prem. sales
A. G. STOKES, Share-broker.				